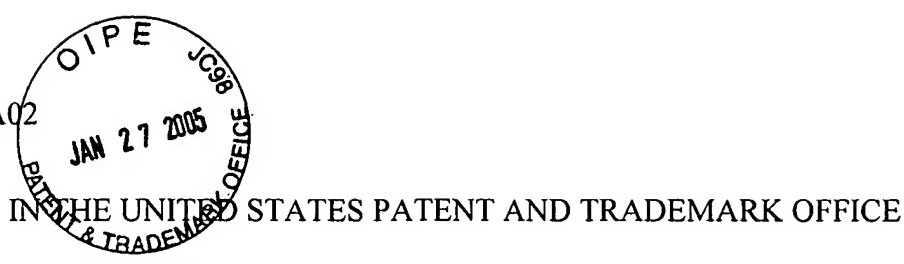


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Sir :

In response to the Official Action of October 29, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 31, 2005 (January 29, 2004 falling on a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Official Action in view of the following remarks.

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